

Appl. No. 10/607,280
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Reply to Office action of May 17, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 7. This sheet replaces the original sheet including FIGS. 4-7.

Attachments: One (1) Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-20 and 22-29 were pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-17, 20, and 22-26, and his indication that claim 19 recites allowable subject matter. Accordingly, only claims 18-19 and 27-29 remain at issue in the application.

In a telephone conference with Examiner Wilson held on October 13, 2005, Applicants proposed the amendments to claims 18 and 27 presented above. Specifically, the subject matter of claim 19 (indicated as allowable) is incorporated into independent claim 18, and claim is canceled. In addition, independent claim 27 is amended to incorporate subject matter similar to the last element of allowed claim 1, namely the score line as specifically recited in allowed claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-18, 20, and 22-29 now pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

The amendments to the specification are made to correct obvious typographical errors. Consideration and entry of these amendments to the specification are respectfully requested.

The drawing amendment submitted herewith addresses the reference numerals provided in FIG. 7. Specifically, FIG. 7 is amended to include two double ended arrows and the associated reference signs “ α ” and “ β ”. These arrows are described in paragraph [0028] of the specification, and therefore no new matter is introduced by this amendment to the drawings. Consideration and entry of these amendments to the drawings are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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